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U.S. Pat. No. 3,448,712; Lehmann et al.; floats for docking and towing seacraft.

U.S. Pat. No. 2,748,740; Villar; catamaran.

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U.S. Pat. No. 3,757,722; Seiple; submersible submersible underway docking unit.

U.S. Pat. No. 3,787,910; Taylor; amphibious vehicle.

U.S. Pat. No. 3,796,175; Ford, Jr. et al.; catamaran.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,040,134; Downing; pontoon boat.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,188,054; Jacobs, Jr.; apparatus for towing multi-hull watercraft.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,353,733; Evans; folding boat with wheels.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,826,533; Stangroom et al.; twin-hulled boat.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,997,217; Verret; shallow water well drilling apparatus.

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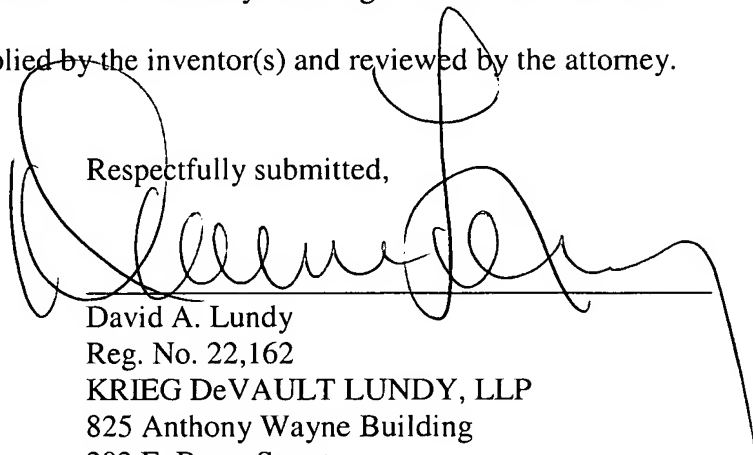
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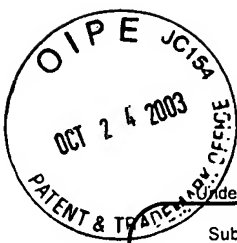
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